

**Announcements**

and researchers involved in the management of patients with heart failure.

**Accreditation**

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

**Nurses**

For the purposes of recertification and relicensure, The American Nurses Credentialing Center accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME.

**Abstract Submission**

The Heart Failure Summit invites you to submit abstracts of original investigation for consideration in the Poster Session on Thursday evening, October 18, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Abstracts previously presented at other national or international meetings will be accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the syllabus. **The deadline for submission is September 21, 2012.** Abstracts must be submitted by E-mail to [mavi@jamiebelkin.com](mailto:mavi@jamiebelkin.com). There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.

**AATS Online Award Applications**

Now Available at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org), Deadline July 1, 2012

**Second John W. Kirklin Research Scholarship 2013–2015** provides an opportunity for research, training, and

experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery.

- Research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved North American cardiothoracic residency.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted during the candidate's first two years in an academic position.
- The scholarship will begin July 1, 2012, and conclude on July 1, 2014.
- The Scholarship provides an annual stipend of \$80,000 per year paid to the host institution for direct salary support and related research expenses

**Deadline: July 1, 2012**

**Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2013-2014** grants support for training of international surgeons who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership.

- Candidate must be a non-North American who plans a cardiothoracic surgery training program in a North American center and who has not had extensive (exceeding a total of six months in duration) clinical training in North America prior to submitting an application.
- Candidate should have completed his/her formal training in general surgery and in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, but should not have reached a senior position.
- The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$75,000 US, a major portion of which is intended for living and travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers

**Deadline: July 1, 2012**

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

**Applications for Membership**

The WTSA Application for Membership is now online and must be submitted electronically. A candidate's application must include the following uploads: A photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and the three most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The candidate's electronic membership application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2012, and all support letters uploaded by that candidate's sponsors by March 31, 2012, in order for the candidate to be considered for election

to membership at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

**WTSA 38th Annual Meeting**

June 27–30, 2012  
The Grand Wailea Hotel  
Maui, Hawaii

Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) and:

- View the scientific and social programs;